



## The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction

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### ABOUT THE CENTER

The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction is an independent state agency created to improve patient safety in Massachusetts. It is named after Betsy Lehman, a prominent Boston Globe healthcare reporter and young mother, who died in 1994 as the result of a preventable medical error. Her untimely and shocking death became a catalyst for improvements in patient safety both here and around the nation.

Originally launched in 2004, the Center operated within the MA Department of Public Health until 2010. It was recently reestablished as an independent state agency affiliated with the Center for Health Information and Analysis. It has its own board and a broad mandate to enhance patient safety in Massachusetts through research, analysis, and dissemination.

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### ADVISORY ROUNDTABLES

During 2014, the Betsy Lehman Center is conducting a strategic planning process to identify areas of need that it is uniquely positioned to address and to set goals and priorities for the years ahead. To that end, the Center has organized a series of Advisory Roundtables, each of which will convene a wide range of experts and stakeholders for structured conversations about the patient safety landscape in Massachusetts. The information generated at these roundtables will inform the Center's further research and planning activities and help it chart its future course. The initial Roundtables are as follows:

- **Patient Safety in the Hospital Setting:** April 30, Boston
- **Outpatient Medical Practice:** May 7, Waltham
- **Patient Family Advisory Council Perspective:** May 29, Boston
- **Western Massachusetts:** June 5, Springfield
- **Cape/South Shore:** June 12, Mashpee
- **Health Plan and Payer Perspectives:** June 18, Boston
- **Long Term Care:** July 10, 2014, Boston
- **Central Massachusetts:** July 17, Worcester

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### PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Betsy Lehman Center is grateful for the assistance of an expert planning committee in convening the Advisory Roundtables. Committee members include: **Evan Benjamin, MD**, Senior Vice President Healthcare Quality, Baystate Health; **Alice Bonner, PhD, RN**, Associate Professor, Northeastern University School of Nursing; **Michael Caljouw**, Vice President, State Government and Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA; **James Feldman, MD, MPH**, Vice Chair, Research, Department of Emergency Medicine, Boston Medical Center; **Paula Griswold**, Executive Director, MA Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors; **Elaine Kirshenbaum**, Vice President Policy, Planning, and Member Services, MA Medical Society; **Robert Klugman, MD**, VP Medical Affairs, Eastern Region, Kindred Health Care; **Nicholas Leydon**, Director of PROMISES Project, MA Department of Public Health; **Rick Lord**, President and CEO, Associated Industries of MA; **Lora Pellegrini**, President and CEO of MA Association of Health Plans; **Kenneth Sands, MD**, Senior Vice President of Healthcare Quality, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; **Colette Silverman**, Director of Quality, Cape Cod Healthcare and Chief Nursing Officer, VNA of Cape Cod, Inc.; and **Deborah Wachenheim**, Health Quality Manager, Health Care For All.

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